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SUBJECT: LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM: AIR DEFENSE

1. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES US VIEWS ON PROGRESS OF TASK FORCE 5, AND US EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THIS TASK FORCE.
2. WE FEEL WE ARE MAKING DEFINITE HEADWAY REGARDING COST-SCHEDULES AND PROGRAM TIME-PHASING, PARTICULARLY WITH PATRIOT. IN THE AREA OF INTERCEPTORS AND AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE AGGRESSIVE WORK OF TASK FORCE 5'S TASK GROUP 2. WE DO RECOMMEND EARLY  
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UPGRADING OF THE AIM-9 SERIES MISSILES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE ALLIANCE. THE AIR FORCE'S STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING TASK FORCE IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS, ALTHOUGH ESTABLISHING AND ACHIEVING PROGRAM MILESTONES TO GET BROAD INTEROPERABILITY AT BOTH FORWARD AND ALTERNATE BASES WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE.

3. IT APPEARS THAT OUR INPUTS ARE MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO TASK FORCE 5 AS THEY WORK TOWARD MORE CONCRETE PROGRAM PROPOSALS. REFINEMENTS AND FURTHER STUDY ANALYSES WILL BE NECESSARY IN SOME AREAS. HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR DELAY IN COMMITMENTS TO KEY IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLIANCE CAPABILITY. OF

COURSE, TO EXTENT TASK FORCE 5 DOES NOT ACCEPT COSTED PROPOSALS WHICH WE REGARD AS OF HIGH PRIORITY, US RESERVES RIGHT TO INTRODUCE THEM LATER IN EWG.

4. MAJOR GENERAL BOWMAN CARRIED TO USNATO US INPUT TO DRAFT FINAL REPORT. IT SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY US MISSION NATO AND USDELMC WHILE WE ARE STAFFING IT HERE. WE WILL NOTIFY YOU BY MESSAGE ON 12 JANUARY AS TO ANY CHANGES AND GIVE YOU AUTHORITY TO RELEASE.

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